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NOTIFICATION

WHEREAS, the State Government has taken up a number of initiatives to promote conservation and protection of wild animals, birds and plants in the State;

AND WHEREAS the Honourable National Green Tribunal was of the view that it was important to protect wildlife and environment, as well as human beings from the harm that can be caused by *Manjha*;

AND WHEREAS the Honourable National Green Tribunal directed that there shall be a prohibition across the country on procuring, stocking, sale or use of nylon thread and other synthetic thread coated with glass and such other harmful substances for kite flying;

AND WHEREAS the Chinese thread, made of plastic or synthetic material, is non-biodegradable and tends to damage power lines, clog sewer lines on land, and has also been responsible for serious injuries to people and birds as well as deaths;

NOW THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 5 read with section 23 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and in pursuance of section 9 of Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, the State Government hereby imposes ban on manufacturing, procuring, stocking, sale or use of nylon thread and other synthetic thread coated with glass and such other harmful substances for kite flying or similar activities as they are likely to cause grievous injury and inconvenience to animals including birds as well as human beings during festivals or other occasions.

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